

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 762

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A RESOLUTION to honor Rick Shoulders of Macon County upon his receipt of the TSSAA Distinguished Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we specially recognize those leaders who have performed their duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and who, through their magnificent exploits, have brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, one such remarkable individual is Rick Shoulders of Macon County, who recently received the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, this esteemed honor from the TSSAA is given to only the finest and most dedicated coaches, officials, administrators, and volunteers who serve as shining examples of the unwavering commitment to excellence that defines their contributions to Tennessee's high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, a registered official with the TSSAA since 1982, Mr. Shoulders has officiated high school games since 1983, including both the boys' and girls' state tournaments, and currently serves as the supervisor for the North Central Officials Association; and

WHEREAS, a former star basketball player for Macon County High School and Volunteer State Community College, Rick Shoulders has also officiated games at the collegiate level for Conference USA, the Ohio Valley Conference, and the Southern Conference; and

WHEREAS, away from basketball, Mr. Shoulders has served as the Macon County Assessor of Property for the past twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Rick Shoulders enjoys the love and support of his wife of forty-two years, Beverly Shoulders; their two children, Brooke and Josh; and their granddaughter, Remi Gray; and

WHEREAS, Rick Shoulders epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Rick Shoulders for his many years of officiating excellence and his contributions to high school athletics in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Rick Shoulders upon his receipt of the TSSAA Distinguished Service Award and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.